

STRIKE OF 200,000 MINERS PRACTICALLY CERTAIN

New York, March 15.—A strike in the three anthracite coal districts beginning April 1, involving nearly 200,000 miners, is a practical certainty as the result of the breaking off of negotiations between a committee from the United Mine Workers and representatives of the operators' association today. Both sides say they will make no concessions to insure peace.

The meeting between the operators and miners was brief. President White for the employees the suggestion of the operators that the present agreement which expires at midnight, March 31, be renewed.

After hearing the statement of White, the operators said they still refused the demands of the miners, and the meeting broke up abruptly. No arrangements were made for another conference.

The miners cited the high cost of living as an argument for increased wages, and declared that the findings of the anthracite commission was not meant to hold for all time. It was also said that though the operators balked at taking union dues out of the miners' pay envelopes, claiming it was a violation of the law, in other districts, where the men were well organized, it was done. It was pointed out that the operators deducted direct for the powder the men were forced to use in their work.

CONVICTS SAY THEY'RE AS GOOD AS POLITICIANS

Ozark, Mo., March 15.—The prisoners in the county jail here are strong for T. R. But they are against primaries. They favor conventions on the slightest provocation, as some of them might be as lucky as four convicts were here today.

The county convention was held here to select delegates to the state convention. The Roosevelt people were shy on rooters, and four men, whose terms in jail would not have expired for several days, were paroled and pressed into service. Roosevelt badges were pinned on them and they were seated in the convention.

Before being taken to the hall the men were dined, cleaned up, and then escorted to the meeting.

"Sure, we're for Roosevelt," said one of the paroled men. "If it hadn't been for him we'd been in jail, wouldn't we? And we're just as good delegates as them Taft fellers. They're politicians, and we're paroled convicts. You know we'll vote for Teddy, as many times as we can."

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Mr. N. Peck—I don't like it so I won't do it, and I want you to understand that no woman ever made a fool out of me.

Mrs. N. Peck—Oh, indeed! Who did it, then.

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What made him so annoyed?

He told his wife she had no judgment at all, and she looked him over and said she was beginning to realize it.